

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-4, 8-61 and 66-80 are pending in the application, with 1, 9, 16, 26, 35, 45, 46, 48, 52, 53, 54, 56, 58, 60 and 61 being the independent claims. Claims 35, 37-41, 43, 45, 53, 54, 56, 58, 60, and 61 are sought to be amended. Claims 58-59 are sought to be canceled without prejudice. Claims 74-80 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification, including pages 63, lines 11-13, pages 69-71, and pages 90-100.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 35-45, 54-61, 68, 70 and 73 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended independent claims 35, 45, 54, 56, 58, 60, and 61 to accommodate the Examiner's rejection. The amendments are not related to patentability. Rather, the amendments are being made solely to accommodate the statutory subject matter rejection. Claims 58-59 have been canceled and thus the rejection is rendered moot. Applicants respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn and that claims 35-45, 54-57, 60, 61, 68, 70 and 73 be passed to allowance.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-4, 8-34, 46-53, 66-67, 69 and 71-72.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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